

News Advisory

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Mayor Reed and Councilmember Oliverio to Provide Halloween "Books for Treats" at Downtown Willow Glen Trick-or-Treat Event

Goal: Encourage Healthy Reading Habits Not Cavities

Event: Mayor Chuck Reed and Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio team up with local non-profit

Books for Treats to provide free books to preschool children as a Halloween alternative to

candy and junk food.

When: Halloween

Wednesday, October 31, 2007

11:15 a.m. -Mayor Reed and Councilmember Oliverio pass out books to preschoolers.

Preschool trick-or-treating: 10 a.m. to noon. School-age children: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Garden Theater, Willow Glen

1165 Lincoln Avenue San Jose, CA 95125

Note: Books for Treats will also provide school-age children with books at Ida Jew

Elementary School, 1966 Flint Ave., off Marten near White Road in East San José, from 2:30

p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Who: Mayor Chuck Reed, City of San José

Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio, City of San José

Preschoolers from throughout San José

Background: Trick-or-treating at the businesses along Lincoln Avenue in Downtown Willow Glen has

become a tradition for children throughout San José. With concerns about childhood obesity and children's health on the rise, as well as a need to encourage families to spend time reading with their youngsters, local resident Rebecca Morgan created Books for Treats to "feed

children's minds, not their cavities."

For more information, visit www.BooksForTreats.org.

Visuals: Small children will be dressed for Halloween.

Interviews: Mayor Reed and Councilmember Oliverio will be available for one-on-one interviews.